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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether Government have issued any instructions for the committee to follow?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"As far as I remember, Government have enunciated the principles under which each community and language area should get representation."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister has satisfied himself that the principles laid down in the instructions issued by the Government were followed?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I have not got facts and figures."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Will the Government be pleased to call for facts and figures and satisfy themselves that their instructions have been followed by the committee?"

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"Is the Government aware that the Indian Christian community is not represented in this committee?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"It is not possible to give representation to each community. I should think since Government have fixed the definite proportion for selection of each community, the interests of all communities have been safeguarded."

Mr. A. T. Pannirselvam:—"Are the Government satisfied that steps have been taken for the purpose of securing adequate representation for the people of all communities?"

* The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. Daniel Thomas:—"May I know Sir, whether by reason of the high qualifications prescribed for admission a large number of Non-Brahmans and Muhammadans are not able to fulfill the requisite conditions?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"I have no official information."

Mr. Daniel Thomas:—"May I know whether by reason of the fact that sufficient number of candidates of these communities do not get admission, the Government would consider the question of reducing the qualifications prescribed and reduce the rigour of the school-final class?"

The hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"In a few cases, Government have given exemption as to age. I shall bear the hon. Member's suggestion in mind, and issue instructions next year."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Control of Newspapers and Books

Publication of inflammatory articles against Viswabrahmans by the Editor, 'Abhinava Saraswati,' Guntur district.

14 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that one Mr. Janapati Pattabirama Sastri of Janapadu village in the Palnad taluk, Guntur district, Editor of the 'Abhinava Saraswati,' a monthly

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journal, has published several inflammatory articles against the Viswabrahmana community and its origin so as to create enmity between Viswabrahmana and Brahman communities; and

(b) the orders, if any, of the Government regarding this affair?

A.—(a) No such articles have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Prisons and Prisoners

Alleged severe beating of Jayadev Kapoor, Lahore Conspiracy prisoner, confined in the jail at Rajahmundry.

15 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) why Jayadev Kapoor, Lahore Conspiracy prisoner, was severely beaten by the jail authorities in the Rajahmundry jail;

(b) whether it is a fact that both the Superintendent and his wife used to visit the jail; and

(c) whether the jail rules permit her visit?

A.—(a) The Lahore Conspiracy prisoner Jai Dev Harichander alias Kapoor was given 20 stripes for assaulting the selection-grade warder of the Rajahmundry Jail.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to rules 94 and 198 (2) of the Madras Jail Manual. The rules in the Jail Manual do not prevent the wife of the Superintendent of the Jail from visiting the jail as a casual visitor.

Concessions to prisoners in the matter of correspondence.

16 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that as per jail rules the prisoners are entitled to write letters once in three months and to have interviews with friends and relatives;

(b) whether this rule was followed in Trichinopoly jail;

(c) whether covers or cards were supplied to the prisoners in Trichinopoly jail as per the above rule; and

(d) if only cards were supplied, why covers were not?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to rule 426 of the Madras Jail Manual.

(b) to (d) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

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Mosquito nuisance in the jail at Madura.

17 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Inspector-General of Prisons visited the Madura prison when Mr. Howe was in charge;

(*b*) whether the prisoners complained of the nuisance of mosquitoes to the Inspector-General of Prisons;

(*c*) if so, what action was taken by the Inspector-General to remove this nuisance; and

(*d*) if no action was taken, why not?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

Irrigation

Repairs to the 'Veeyam' anicut in Ponnani taluk.

18 *Q.*—Mr. C. Krishnan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that 'Veeyam' anicut in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, is in a defective condition on account of its state of disrepair; and

(*b*) whether it is true that it is causing much damage to the crops of neighbouring landowners by the ingress of salt water during the hot season and by obstruction of free flow of water causing floods during the rainy season?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 4,250 was approved in 1926 to remedy the then reported leakage in the dam. The Government have no information if the dam is in a defective condition now. A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Public Service

Instructions, if any, to the Madras Services Commission for recruitment of Viswa-Brahmans to the Public Service.

19 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Public Services Commission to take steps in order to see that the members of the Viswa-Brahmana community are properly recruited in the matter of direct appointments to public services?

A.—The hon. Member apparently refers to the Madras Services Commission. The answer is in the negative.